

## U.S. House of Representatives

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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary of Homeland Security  
Washington, DC 20528

Secretary Mayorkas,

More than a year ago, I expressed my reservations about the Biden Administration's lifting of the Title 42 public health order, stating at the time "I'd like to see a more comprehensive plan, ideally with bipartisan support, before we lift the restriction."<sup>1</sup>

As the President has decided to lift the order this week, we now face a doubling of illegal crossings at our southern border by some estimates, exacerbating the current humanitarian and refugee crisis. While you have presented a list of ways you plan to address the surge of migration, some of which I agree with, we still have not reached a comprehensive, long-term plan with bipartisan support.

U.S. House Republicans plan to initiate debate about immigration reform in the coming weeks. I urge you and the White House to join me in engaging in these conversations about what the landscape for immigration reform in our country should look like.

Ultimately, we need a comprehensive and bipartisan solution that is smart, humane, and true to our country's values. That must include securing and protecting our borders along with a roadmap to citizenship, especially for people who have served in our military and Dreamers.

As Congress considers immigration reform in the coming weeks, we must make clear to the American people that we are taking this challenge seriously and are ready to find solutions. You have had a year to engage prior to the lifting of Title 42, and I hope that you and the President both recommit to working with Congress to achieve real results.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/democrats-sound-alarm-white-house-plans-scrap-title-42>